

The combined-forces training component would consist of increasing the intensity of training from a typical maximum of approximately 5,300 soldiers to approximately 10,600 soldiers during an annual training period at Camp Roberts. Four new types of equipment would be introduced at Camp Roberts as part of the proposed action: the M1 Abrams series of tanks would replace the M60 series tanks, Bradley Fighting Vehicles would replace the M113 series armored personnel carriers, the Multiple-Launch Rocket System would replace all but two of the M110 8-inch howitzers, and the AH-64 series Apache helicopters would replace the Cobra helicopters. The range modernization program component would be composed of both upgrading existing ranges and constructing new ranges.

Copies: Copies of the ROD will be mailed to individuals who participated in the public scoping process. Copies will also be sent to Federal, state, regional, and local agencies; interested organizations and agencies; and public libraries. Individuals not currently on the mailing list may obtain a copy by request.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment (PEA) for the Joint Vaccine Acquisition Program (JVAP)

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of the Army (Army) announces the availability for public review and comment of a draft PEA for the JVAP. The primary objective of the JVAP is to develop, produce, store, test, and field sufficient quantities of U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) licensed vaccines to implement U.S. government policy for protecting its armed forces against biological warfare agents. Because of the current threat of biological warfare and

its continuing proliferation, there is an urgent need to protect our fighting men and women who go in harms way. The JVAP is implemented by the Department of Defense (DOD) through the Joint Program Office for Biological Defense (JPO BD) for which the Army is the lead agency. The JVAP PEA characterizes and assesses the possible and probable environmental consequences associated with the JVAP as proposed and the alternatives considered. The PEA concludes that the proposed JVAP activities and the alternatives analyzed are not likely to have significant adverse effects upon the quality of the environment.

Alternatives: a. Implement and operate the JVAP through which the Army proposes to develop, produce, store, test, and field vaccines for biological defense which are otherwise unavailable (Preferred Alternative).

b. No action (cessation of all JVAP activities now and in the future).

c. Conduct current and currently planned JVAP activities in a consolidated government facility.

d. Conduct current and currently planned JVAP activities at a consolidated contractor facility.

Comments: The JVAP Draft PEA is available for public review and comment. Mr. Bruce G. Kay is the DA clearinghouse for requests for the JVAP draft PEA and documentation from previous environmental analyses referenced in the draft PEA. Written comments for consideration in preparing the final Programmatic Environmental Assessment should be submitted to the address provided below.

DATES: The agency must receive comments on or before July 14, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Mail comments and document copy requests to: Joint Vaccine Acquisition Project Management Office, JVAP-PMO (Attn: Mr. Bruce Kay), 568 Doughten Street, Fort Detrick, Maryland 21702-5040; or phone at (301) 619-2016; or fax at (301) 619-7230; e-mail: bruce_g_kay@fddetrck-cmail.army.mil.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Logistics Agency

Privacy Act of 1974; New Computer Matching Program Between the Department of Veterans Affairs and the Defense Manpower Data Center of the Department of Defense

AGENCY: Defense Manpower Data Center, Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of a new computer matching program between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DoD) for public comment.

SUMMARY: Subsection (e)(12) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, (5 U.S.C. 552a) requires agencies to publish advance notice of any proposed or revised computer matching program by the matching agency for public comment. The DoD, as the matching agency under the Privacy Act is hereby giving constructive notice in lieu of direct notice to the record subjects of a computer matching program between VA and DoD that their records are being matched by computer. The record subjects are VA delinquent debtors who may be current or former Federal employees receiving Federal salary or benefit payments and who are delinquent in their repayment of debts owed to the United States Government under programs administered by VA so as to permit VA to pursue and collect the debt by voluntary repayment or by administrative or salary offset procedures under the provisions of the Debt Collection Act of 1982.

DATES: This proposed action will become effective July 11, 1997, and the computer matching will proceed accordingly without further notice, unless comments are received which would result in a contrary determination or if the Office of Management and Budget or Congress objects thereto. Any public comment must be received before the effective date.

ADDRESSES: Any interested party may submit written comments to the Director, Defense Privacy Office, Crystal Mall 4, Room 920, 1941 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202-4502.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Aurelio Nepa, Jr. at telephone (703) 607-2943.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to subsection (o) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, (5 U.S.C. 552a), the DoD and VA have concluded an agreement to conduct a computer matching program between the agencies.